PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #03.285

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee

Department of Transportation

Environmental Planning and Permits Division

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LOCATION: TDOT #13001-1223-04, SR-32, Unnamed tributary to Clinch River

Claiborne and Grainger County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The unnamed tributary watershed consists of a series of small springs that surfaced due to earth moving (blasting) in the adjacent hillside. The springs have modest flow with water dropping beneath fill in the channel in several places. The site was originally permitted as a relocation of an intermittent stream from Station 3+614+/- (Lt) to Sta. 4+020+/- (Lt), however, since the emergence of the spring within the lower channel, relocation was not possible as originally designed. Land use is predominantly forest. The intermittent unnamed tributary is primarily gravel bottomed and varies in width approximately 60 - 70 feet wide with 30-foot banks, acting as a deep roadside drain for the original highway. The existing vegetation along the stream channel is few trees and grasses. Lat: 36.4027 Long: -83.4599

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The existing channel consists of 1209 ft. of open channel plus 21 ft. of 24 inch metal pipe (Sta. 1+093+/- Riverside Road), plus 65 ft. of 48 inch metal pipe under Clinch River Road (Sta. 3+685+/- (Lt), plus 102 ft. of 48 inch metal pipe under a private drive (Sta. 3+780 (Lt) for a total length of 1,397 ft. The applicant proposes to 108 ft. in rock v-ditch and 1,215 ft. of rock fill drain in existing channel, plus 82 feet of 24 inch concrete pipe at Sta. 1+286+/-(Riverside Road Tie in) for a total length of 1,405 ft. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. The applicant also proposes to mitigate stream impacts by paying \$65,400.00 to the In-lieu Fee Stream Mitigation Program. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized and planted with native grasses.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Tazewell, TN (154-NE)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of* 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on

or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

